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Prior Application:

Art Unit:

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Examiner:

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BOX FEE Mail Stop Patent Application Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a Divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application

Serial No. 09/856,093, filed on August 16, 2001, entitled DYNAMIC PRESSURE BEARING WITH

IMPROVED STARTING CHARACTERISTICS (AS AMENDED), by the following named inventors: Hisao

TAKEUCHI, Osamu KOMURA, Kaoru MURABE, Makoto OTSUKI.

1. I hereby state that the enclosed application contains no new matter. 2. Oath or Declaration Newly executed (original or copy) b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) Deletion of inventor(s) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b). 3. Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 2b is checked) The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 2b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. 4. Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. 5. An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO1449 Form are submitted herewith.

Cancel claims 2-26.

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7. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 4 and 6 above:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	and the second	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	AMOUNT
Total Claims	7 .	-20	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	1	-3	0	\$86.00 =	\$0.00
			Basic	Application Fee	\$770.00
	If mult	tiple dependen	t claims are pres	ented, add \$0.00	\$0.00
			Total	Application Fee	\$770.00
			Subtract	1/2 if small entity	\$0.00
		тот	AL APPLICAT	TION FEE DUE	\$770.00
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7a. 🗌	Enclosed is a Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27
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- 7b. A verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in prior application and such status is still proper and desired.
- 8a. PLEASE CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 500417 in the amount of \$770.00
- 8b. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any extension of time fees to maintain the pendency of the parent application Serial No. 09/856,093 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.
- 9. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
- --This application is a divisional of Application Serial No. <u>09/856,093</u> filed <u>August 16, 2001</u>, which is a 371 of <u>PCT/JP00/06297</u>, filed <u>September 14, 2000</u>.--
- 10. Priority of Application Serial No. 11-263614, 11-321086 and 11-331211 filed on September 17, November 11 and November 22, 1999 (respectively), in Japan is claimed under 35 USC 119.
- 11. The prior application is assigned of record to

SUMITOMO ELECTRIC INDUSTRIES, LTD.

Osaka, Japan

12. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

McDermott, Will & Emery

- 13. Also enclosed:
 - 8 Pages of Formal Drawings

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14. A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until.

Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record)

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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

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Eight (8) page of formal drawings are submitted herewith.

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